SI. No	. Name of the State	Total
13.	Karnataka	32
14.	Kerala	15
15.	Madhya Pradesh	8
16.	Maharashtra	39
17.	Manipur	1
18.	Orissa	4
19.	Pondicherry	5
20.	Punjab	6
21.	Rajasthan	8
22.	Sikkim	1
23.	Tamil Nadu	22
24.	Tripura	1
25.	Uttar Pradesh	13
26.	Uttaranchal	2
27.	West Bengal	9
	TOTAL:	242

Committee on functioning of AIIMS

2678. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Expert Committee was constituted in the last year to examine the functioning of All India Institute of Medical Sciences situated in Delhi;

(b) if so, when the said Committee was constituted;

(c) the time given to the Committee to give its suggestions thereon;

(d) whether the Committee has submitted its report within the prescribed time;

(e) if not, when this report was received by Government; and

(f) the details of the references mentioned in the reports regarding the institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. In July 2006 the Government has constituted a four members Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Valiathan to study the functioning of the AIIMS and to make recommendations for further development of the Institute with three months time to submit its Report. The Committee has submitted its Report within the prescribed period. The Report is under examination.

Ban on sale of common salt

†2679. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale and production of common salt has been banned by Government under the prevention of Food Adulteration Act;

(b) if so, when the said ban was imposed;

(c) whether Government have reviewed those very reasons which compelled such a ban before its imposition; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) No/Sir. There is no ban on production of common salt. The same can be sold for lodisation, Iron fortification, Preservation Industrial, Medicinal and animal use. However, in order to prevent and control iodine Deficiency Disorders restrictions have been imposed nationwide on the sale of edible common salt for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.